

K-12 School Staff Vaccination Program

Participation:

- If a district or school has committed to returning to a hybrid or in-person education delivery model by March 1, 2021, that district or school's staff members will have the opportunity to receive COVID-19 vaccinations early.
- As of Jan. 19, 1,669 districts and schools have committed to returning to hybrid or in-person education delivery models. This includes 583 school districts and 915 nonpublic and community schools.
- According to this plan, 70% of schools will be back in class using hybrid or fully in-person education delivery models.

Educational Service Centers:

- The State of Ohio has designated Ohio's 52 [educational service centers](#) (ESCs) as the primary working partners for districts and schools throughout the vaccination distribution process.
- Each district or school will work with its ESC staff to ensure proper plans and communication.

Vaccination Partner:

- Each district or school is being asked to team up with a local vaccination partner.
- The State will work through the network of ESCs to match districts and schools that do not already have partners in place with partners.
- Examples of such partners include private pharmacies (such as Kroger or Giant Eagle), local county health departments and, in some cases, local hospitals or other qualified health care providers.
- Schools will coordinate with their local vaccination partners to organize and carry out the vaccination distribution programs.

Location:

- Each district or school is likely to have a different partner. As such, vaccination distribution might be different for everyone.
- In some cases, the local partner will come to a school on a designated date and time. In other cases, staff may need to visit a pharmacy or other central location in person to receive the vaccination.
- Plans are likely to differ from one district or school to another. The Ohio Department of Health will work with each district or school through its ESC and vaccination partner during the planning process.

Timing:

- K-12 school staff will begin to receive the first shot of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination on Feb. 1, 2021.
- The second shot will be scheduled four weeks after the first shot — in many cases after March 1, 2021.
- Timing will differ among districts and schools.
- Vaccine is a finite resource and distribution will vary; while first shots begin on Feb. 1, it may take time for all school staff to receive their first doses.

Information for Teachers and School Staff:

- [Myths vs. Facts COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- School staff should not call local pharmacies or health care providers for instructions. Rather, eligible school staff members should expect to receive detailed instructions about next steps from their school administrations.
- This vaccination program may differ from previous vaccination programs, such as annual flu vaccine programs.

Please watch for additional information as vaccination plans continue to develop and more details emerge.

The Ohio Department of Education will post available updates on its [Reset and Restart](#) webpage under the heading [K12 School Staff Vaccination Program](#).